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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

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SURGICAL INSTRUMENT SERVICE)
COMPANY, INC.,)
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Plaintiff,) Case No. 3:21-cv-03496-VC
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vs.)
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INTUITIVE SURGICAL, INC.,)
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Defendant.)
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HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL, ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY DEPOSITION OF:
KURT HUMPHREY
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10:25 A.M. (MST)

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1 industry dealing with the development of commercial
2 products, these are the key factors that generally
3 determine the parameters for design of any product or
4 system.

5 Q. I want to drill down on the meaning of those 13:48:03
6 a little bit as you use them here. So based on your
7 experience generally when you say
8 performance/reliability, can that -- can
9 performance/reliability needs be different in
10 different contexts? 13:48:19

11 A. Certainly. I would I guess go back to my
12 prior experience in military and aerospace avionics
13 products, as well as automotive products. They have
14 varying degrees of performance requirements,
15 reliability requirements, depending upon the 13:48:52
16 application.

17 Q. So it depends on -- the performance or
18 reliability requirements for given products depend on
19 the application in part?

20 A. Yes. 13:49:05

21 Q. Depending on the application, could
22 performance/reliability requirements include certain
23 memory parameters?

24 A. Yes, it can --

25 Q. What about -- sorry, I didn't mean to 13:49:27

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1 interrupt you. I thought you were done.

2 A. Memory size, access times, and reliability.

3 Q. The last one you said was reliability.

4 A. Yes. I'm not sure if that was included in

5 your question or not, but it certainly is a big 13:49:58

6 factor.

7 Q. Is another factor processing power or do you

8 include that as something subsumed within access

9 times?

10 A. No. I mean, bandwidth, data rates are 13:50:15

11 certainly -- can certainly be important in some

12 application.

13 Q. What about consistency on detection of

14 electrical contacts, is that encompassed in what you

15 mean by reliability? 13:50:39

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. So consistency on detection of electrical

18 contacts could be a factor in design choice?

19 A. Certainly. I mean, the packaging for

20 microelectronics of the connections between 13:51:07

21 components in systems, whether they're on printed

22 circuit boards or mounted in the systems, I mean

23 depending on the application, certainly electrical

24 connectivity for any electronic product is important.

25 Q. And then the next key factor you list is 13:51:34

1 the S/Si EndoWrists?

2 A. Yes, that sounds about right, 4 to 1.

3 Q. So picking up on the math calculations we

4 performed earlier, so 8,000 bytes would be

5 approximately 64,000 bits, right? 14:30:06

6 A. Right.

7 Q. That would be the memory storage space for

8 the RFID chip in the X/Xi instruments?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. And the Dallas chip has approximately 16,000 14:30:17

11 bits?

12 A. Correct.

13 MS. CAHOY: So with that, Miriam, could we

14 pull up -- we can close that exhibit. Could we mark

15 Exhibit 319, and let's go with tab 12, please. 14:30:59

16 (The document referred to was marked as

17 Exhibit 319 for identification and is attached

18 hereto.)

19 MS. ARGHAVANI: Should be introduced.

20 BY MS. CAHOY:

21 Q. So, Mr. Humphrey, I'm marking as Exhibit 319

22 a document that ends in the first page on -- the

23 Bates stamp on the first page is Intuitive-02068686.

24 A. I'm trying to load it.

25 Q. This is a document that I'll represent to 14:32:01

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1 you, it appears that you cite on -- in footnote 52 of
2 your opening report. So that's in paragraph 51, page
3 21, footnote 52, where it says 30(b)(6) deposition of
4 Grant Duque, Exhibit 266, Intuitive-02068686.

5 A. Paragraph 51, you say? 14:32:33

6 Q. Yes. Paragraph 51, footnote 52, which is
7 right at the end of that paragraph.

8 A. Yes, okay.

9 Q. Has that one loaded for you?

10 A. Yes, it's loaded. 14:33:01

11 Q. Do you recognize this document as a 2011
12 e-mail produced by Intuitive that you reviewed in
13 connection with preparing your report?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. If you look down towards the bottom of that 14:33:20
16 document, the original document says from Thomas
17 Cooper, Monday, May 23, 2011, and then "to" and with
18 some other names.

19 Do you see that?

20 A. Yes. 14:33:35

21 Q. If you go down almost to the bottom, there
22 is a numbered list and there is a number 5 that says:
23 "Our 64k bit requirement is a bit unusual."

24 Do you see that?

25 A. Yes, okay. 14:34:00

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1 Q. What is your understanding of what the
2 reference to 64k bit requirement means?

3 A. The size of the memory.

4 Q. So it's referring to a 64,000 bit
5 requirement, correct?

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6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And the CryptoRF Atmel chip has a 64,000 bit
8 memory?

9 A. Yes, that's correct.

10 Q. And the Dallas chip that was used in the
11 S/Si instruments does not have a 64,000 bit memory,
12 correct?

14:34:39

13 A. That's correct. It's not clear to me in
14 this reference as to what product they're referring
15 to. The rest of that sentence refers to Ducati and
16 Orion, but I guess I think Orion is their name for
17 one of the X or Xi instruments.

14:35:09

18 Q. But you're not sure what this e-mail is
19 discussing?

20 A. I'm not sure what the 64-bit requirement,
21 what's the need for that? It says it's a bit
22 unusual, but I don't know much or -- I'm not sure why
23 the writer is using that terminology, that
24 description.

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25 Q. So the writer is describing a 64k bit

14:35:58

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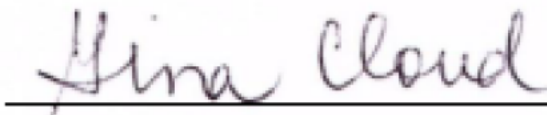
1 I, GINA M. CLOUD, a certified shorthand
2 reporter for the State of California, do hereby
3 certify:

4 that prior to being examined, the witness named in
5 the foregoing deposition, was by me duly sworn to
6 testify the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but
7 the truth pursuant to Section No. 2093 of the Code of
8 Civil Procedure;

9 That said deposition was taken before me pursuant
10 to notice, at the time and place therein set forth,
11 and was taken down by me in shorthand and thereafter
12 reduced to typewriting via computer-aided
13 transcription under my direction;

14 I further certify that I am neither counsel for,
15 nor related to, any party to said action, nor in
16 anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

17 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my
18 name this 20th day of March, 2023.

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